

The Honorable Michael K. Powell
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

As a customer of DIRECTV, I am writing to urge you to support the pending merger of EchoStar and HUGHES, the parent company of DIRECTV. I believe the merger will increase video and broadband choices for consumers like me.

The combined company will be a much stronger competitor to cable operators by being able to offer me a substantial number of local TV channels via satellite in my market area.

Broadband access to the Internet is not available to me at this time. If the merger is approved, the new company will be able to provide me with affordable high-speed Internet access via satellite along with the other 40 million American households who do not have affordable high-speed Internet access now.

On a personal note, my mother lives in MO and only gets LA and NY channels through DirectTV. She would like to have access to her local channels in Cape Girardeau, MO through DirectTV or Dish Network. My aunt and uncle, as well as another aunt and uncle live in Northern MO and would also like to get Local channels through sattellite as well.

If the merger does not go through, at least give DIRECTV the ability to provide UPN and the WB to customers.

Thank you.

I appreciate your consideration of my views.

Sincerely,

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